

Torrance, California  
June 26, 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, at 8:00 P. M., Tuesday, June 26, 1956.

Those responding to roll call by City Manager Stevens were:  
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. City Manager Stevens and Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

Councilman Blount entered the meeting at 8:01 P. M., as did City Clerk Bartlett.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Gordon Lewis led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Milton Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, with the following corrections:

Under Item 13, Page 4, the next to last paragraph should read: 'There were no further objections to the motion, and it was so ordered', and the last paragraph should read: 'It was agreed that copies of the Ordinance would be presented to the Council for the next meeting of the Council, June 26, 1956.'.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Franchise:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening bids for the sale of a Franchise to construct, erect, maintain, operate, repair, renew, and remove pipe lines for the transportation of oil, petroleum, gas, or other hydrocarbon substances.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication.

There were no objections, and this was ordered received and filed.

City Clerk Bartlett opened and read to the Council a bid from the Pacific Coast Gasoline Company, consisting of a certified check in the amount of \$500.00.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens for his recommendation in this matter, and City Manager Stevens said in view of the fact that this is a local company and the oil field being in the stage it is in, he would recommend this bid be accepted.

Councilman Drale asked if we are taking advantage of the new financial plan to benefit the City.

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer answered affirmatively.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with City Manager Stevens' recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 811

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE GRANTING TO PACIFIC COAST GASOLINE  
COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE  
TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR  
THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 811 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Bids on Water Department Equipment:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening bids on equipment for the Water Department, namely, trucks, truck bodies, tractor, trailer, etc.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication.

There were no objections, and this was ordered accepted and filed.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids:

Southwest Tractor Sales, Inc.,  
18912 So. Normandie Avenue.,  
Gardena, California.

On Items 3 and 4 as outlined in Bid request:

1 NCA-820 Ford Tractor (per specifications)	\$2137.00
1 HD-2 Shawnee Hydraulic Loader with twin bucket cylinders and 13 cubic foot material bucket	825.00
1 Model 70 Shawnee Scout Back Hoe w/18" rock bucket and diverter valve kit (per specifications)	2200.00
	<u>\$5162.00</u>

Less 5% 30 day cash discount, \$258.10. Plus applicable sales tax.

Above prices include all installation, hydraulic oil and delivery.

ALTERNATE:

1 NCA-830 Ford Tractor (per specifications)	\$2200.00
1 WMD-5 Wagner Hydraulic Loader w/twin bucket cylinders and 13 cu. ft. material bucket	952.00
1 54C Sherman Power Digger Back Hoe w/18" rock bucket and 10' dipperstick (per specifications)	2598.00
	<u>\$5750.00</u>

Less 5% 30 day cash discount, \$287.50. Plus applicable sales tax.

Above prices include all installation, hydraulic oil and delivery.

FIRM QUOTATION ON ITEM 4 OF BID REQUEST:

1 "V & L" two wheel tilt bed tractor trailer per specifications	\$ 499.60
Less 1% 30 day cash discount, \$54.95. Plus applicable sales tax. Plus license plate and registration fee.	

Delivery on Item 3 or alternate can be made in 3 days or less from receipt of purchase order. Delivery on Item 4 can be made in 10 or less days.

Funder Equipment, Inc.  
17022 So. Figueroa  
Gardena, California.

Bids on an International "300" Utility Tractor and four combination of Loaders and Backhoes, w/availability of each specified on the bids, 10% discount on payment within 15 days after Invoice date. Sales tax to be added.

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International 300 Utility Tractor, w/brakes,  
 differential foot (disc type); cigarette lighter;  
 4 cylinder 3-9/16 x 4-1/4-C169 Gasoline Engine;  
 fenders, governor, front axle wide adjustable;  
 battery ignition; starter; underslung muffler;  
 hydra touch reservoir; hydra touch hydraulic  
 system; one valve; 650 x 16 - 6 ply automotive  
 front tires; 12 x 28 rear tires; front power take  
 off pulley; deluxe seat \$2550.25  
 Torque amplifier - factory installation only 175.00  
 Hydraulic Power Steering  
 Attachment may be installed later 185.00  
 Immediate delivery - prices subject to change after 15 days.

Shawnee "Special" loader, Model HD-3 w/60" bucket 998.00

Shawnee "Scout" backhoe, Model D70 w/18" bucket  
 and diverter valve 2255.00  
\$3253.00

Immediate delivery - prices subject to change after 15 days.

Davis Backhoe, Model 185 w/20" bucket, #581-AO and  
 #4635-A-O attaching kit for UT-300. No 18"  
 bucket available \$2325.88  
\$3310.88

Immediate delivery - prices subject to change after 15 days.

Councilman Jahn asked to have only the totals read on the rest of the  
 bids, and, there being no objections, Mayor Isen so ordered, with the  
 stipulation that the bids be spread in the Minutes as if read in full.

Henry Loader, Model TS-7F w/60" bucket \$ 926.50  
 Henry hydraulic backhoes, Model C-10-H w/18" bucket 2559.00  
\$3485.50

Special Henry combination price - \$3373.90  
 (Hydraulic rigger available - \$200.00)

Delivery immediately - prices subject to change after 15 days.

Bacons' Sales Co.,  
 1200 Pacific Coast Highway,  
 Hermosa Beach, California.

Bid on Motor Vehicles Item #1A

Quotation on two 1956 New Ford F2 50 3/4-ton cab and chassis trucks.  
 These units to meet your specifications exactly and to be equipped  
 as follows: Six cylinder engines, 48.5" cab to axle, 118" wheelbase,  
 full flow oil filter, oil bath air cleaner, (5) 15" drop center commer-  
 cial wheels with (4) 7.00 x 15 6-ply heavy duty all nylon cord truck type  
 tires, electric windshield wipers, hub caps, and painted "Caterpillar  
 Yellow".

Alternate Bid A

Net price ea.	\$1425.44
Two units	2850.88
4% sales tax	114.04
	<u>\$2964.92</u>

These prices firm only if bid is awarded on or before June 29, 1956.

Alternate Bid B

Net price each	\$1515.44
Two Units	3030.88
4% sales tax	121.24

These prices to remain in force for 30 days. Delivery can be accomplish-  
 ed within 30 days.

Trade in allowances on two trucks as follows, whether Bid "A" or Bid "B" is accepted.

50 Chevrolet 3/4 ton	\$350.00
51       "       "       "	<u>475.00</u>
	\$825.00

Paul's Chevrolet, Inc.  
1640 Cabrillo Ave.,  
Torrance.

Two 1956 Chevrolet 3/4 ton cab and chassis equipped as specified:  
Item #1 - our Yukon Yellow same as your Caterpillar Yellow.

w/standard tires	\$2944.74
less allowance for (2) truck trade-ins, as listed	
in your invitation to bid	<u>700.00</u>
	\$2244.74
For 8 7x17.5 6-ply nylon tubeless tires add	<u>106.24</u>
	\$2350.98

Net

California sales tax not included.

Jumbo Equipment Co.  
1012 So. Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles 15 California.

Bid on Item #2 only:

Two (2) Utility Model S48 service truck bodies as per attached specifications and literature, to fit 3/4-ton chassis trucks having approximately 48" CA dimension, bodies complete with piperack, pipe vise bracket and pipe support, and including HD rear bumper with step & kickplate both as long as the body is wide; bumper to include recessed 1-1/2" pin trailer hitch. Painted and installed on your chassis. Each \$625.00 or for two units \$1,250.00.

ALTERNATE, our Utility EB Bodies, listed on blue print as "Econobodies". Specifications given in full, each \$565.00 or for two units \$1,130.00.

Bids do not include any applicable state or local sales taxes. Bids F.O.B. Los Angeles. Delivery of above units can be accomplished within 15 days approx. of receipt of your chassis and order.

Le Roi-Rix Machinery Co.  
6403 E. Slauson Ave.,  
Los Angeles 22, California.

No bid.

K & K Body Works,  
3035 Verdugo Road,  
Los Angeles 65, California.

Bid on bodies only:

Item 2 - Bodies @ \$601.64	
Same as three units delivered in September, 1955	\$1203.28
2 Morysville Service Truck Bodies	
Model D-2 to fit 3/4-ton chassis (1956 Model) as	
per the following specifications: complete with	
pipe rack, pipe vise stand and pipe support, and	
heavy-duty rear bumper with 1-1/8" pin trailer hitch.	
Body compartments designed for water utility work, to	
be installed and painted to match trucks in Item 1.	
F. O. B. Los Angeles.	

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Councilman Jahn moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

At this time, Mayor Isen asked for the report from City Manager Stevens which the Council asked for at their last meeting, to show the amount of difference on the bids on motor vehicles for the City.

City Clerk Bartlett read the City Manager's report, as follows:

"The totals below indicate the relative costs for the following vehicles:

- 10 - 4-door V8 sedans w/automatic transmission
- 2 - 1/2 ton pickup trucks
- 1 - 2-door V8 Station Wagons w/automatic transmission
- 1 - 4-door V8 Station Wagon w/automatic transmission
- 2 - 3/4-ton 4-speed transmission pickup truck
- 1 - V8 panel sedan (red)

	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT DIFFERENCE FROM LOWEST BID
Bacon (Ford)	\$ 26,478.67	\$ 0
Brand (Ford)	26,549.48	70.81
Downtown (Ford)	26,579.24	100.57
Maples (Ford)	29,068.86	2,590.19
Paul's (Chevrolet)	29,300.24	2,821.57

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if these vehicles would be the same, and delivered to the City in the same condition. City Manager Stevens replied that they would have to conform to specifications.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager for his recommendation, and City Manager Stevens recommended that the bid of Bacon Sales Company be accepted as the lowest responsible bid, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen said the Council would certainly like to award the bids locally, but when there is such a great difference in price, it cannot be ignored.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### HEARINGS:

CASE NO. 380: Third and final Hearing on Case No. 380, petition of Joe Heller et al for a Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial) on the following described property: NE corner of Arlington and 174th Street, situated at 17341 South Arlington Avenue, to enable petitioner to construct a shopping area, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, with special conditions as listed.

Attached were (a) letter of approval from Property Management Corporation, addressed to Mr. Joe Heller, petitioner, and transmitted to A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, by Mr. Heller; (b) letter of protest against rezoning of 174th and Arlington submitted by North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the third and final Hearing on this case.

Mayor Isen asked George Powell, Planning Director, to outline to the Council the difference between the Zonings C-1, C-2, and C-3.

Mr. Powell replied that C-1 is for light commercial usage, such as neighborhood stores, etc., that C-2 is a Zone allowing for wholesale, retail, etc., on a slightly larger scale, with some light manufacturing

of products to be sold on the premises allowed. He went on to say that Zone C-3 is a new Zone to be introduced tonight for Council approval. This Zone will allow for commercial usage only.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case 380.

Mr. Jack Wallen of 17316 So. Arlington came forward. He said he was the spokesman for a group of homeowners in the area concerned who object to the change of zone. Mr. Wallen read in full a petition signed by approximately 125 homeowners in the area, saying the petition had gone to the Planning Commission. The petition listed the reasons for this protest from the homeowners.

Mr. Wallen was accompanied by a group of over 20 people protesting the change of zone.

Mayor Isen said a letter of protest had been received from the North Torrance Civic Association as well. There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed. The letter from Property Management Corporation approving the change of zone was also ordered filed.

Mr. John Kesson, President of the North Torrance Civic Association spoke to the Council, saying that his group voted 100% to support the residents in their protest against the change of zone.

Mr. Raymond Dumay, of 17322 Arlington, protested the change of zone vigorously.

Mr. David Cleveland, of 17104 Wilton Place, registered his protest against the change of zone with the Council.

Mr. Sol H. Burns, of 5880 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, supported the request for change of zone.

Mr. Joe Green, of 707 South Broadway, Los Angeles, one of the owners of the property in question, spoke to the Council in favor of the application for change of zone. He outlined their plans for making parking convenient, and for entrances and exits to and from the property. Mr. Green replied to a question from Councilman Jahn by saying the developers were planning to make this a nice shopping area and would comply with all building codes.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved the petition for Change of Zone be denied.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:55 P. M., the Mayor declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:05 P. M.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated June 22, 1956, from Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., signed by W. E. Bowen, President, asked for time to talk to the Council about re-consideration of their former grant of \$2500.00 from the City toward support of the Youth Band activity. The Youth Band would like to have this grant continued.

In support of this plea there were communications on the agenda from the following people:

- a. Mrs. Charles W. Baker, 4078 Newton St., dated June 24, 1956, asking continued support of the band.
- b. Mr. and Mrs. David R. Hume, 4521 Newton St., dated June 24, 1956, asking continued support of the band.
- c. Mrs. Blessing Moore (address not given - undated), asking continued support of the band.
- d. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strohm, Jane and Bill Strohm, dated June 24, 1956, asking continued support of the band.
- e. Charles and Irma Drury, 1020 Arlington Ave., dated June 25, 1956, asking continued support of the band.
- f. J. M. Baum, Band Director, North Torrance High School, 25510 January Drive, dated June 24, 1956, asking continued support of the band.
- g. Chas. T. Rippey, 1331 Post Avenue, dated June 26, 1956, asking continued support of the band.

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At the request of the Council, Mayor Isen permitted those who were present in support of this request to state their case now, rather than under Oral Communications.

W. E. Bowen, President of the group, outlined to the Council the activities and services of the group.

Mr. Bowen asked Mr. Van Dyke, Director of the Youth Band, to play for the Council a recording of excerpts from the Band's last concert, given in celebration of their 10th anniversary.

Mayor Isen ordered the letters in support of this cause filed as a matter of record.

Mr. Bowen presented Mr. Van Dyke, who introduced to the Council Miss Yolanda Goldsmith, Miss Torrance of 1955, who interceded with the Council on behalf of the Torrance Area Youth Band. Miss Goldsmith told the Council of the fine publicity given the City by out-of-town newspapers through the activities of the Torrance Youth Band.

Mayor Isen asked if tickets were sold for the Miss Torrance contest, and Mr. Van Dyke replied that admission tickets are sold for the contest, but they barely pay the expenses incurred, and sometimes do not cover the costs.

Mr. Bowen then introduced Mr. Davidson, Supervisor of Instrumental Music at Torrance High School.

Mr. Davidson said he was here as an individual, and in no way did he represent the schools. He went on to tell the high opinion he has of the Youth Band and their work.

Mr. Bowen presented Mrs. Wild, a teacher of music in the elementary schools of Torrance. Mrs. Wild outlined to the Council the fine work done by the band.

Mr. Bowen asked the group here in support of the Band's request to stand, and a large group of people stood.

Mr. Van Dyke told the Council of the acute need of the Band for uniforms, of its fast growth, of the publicity which accrued to the City from it.

Councilman Jahn asked what the band does with the \$2500.00 grant they have been getting from the City, and Mr. Van Dyke said he is paid a salary of \$2400.00 a year, but added that about half of that goes back to the band. He went on to say he furnishes direction, office space, secretarial service, and all the various work necessary to keep the band going.

Mayor Isen asked what percentage of the band members are from our City, and Mr. Van Dyke said about 75% of the children live in the City, a few in the "Strip" and others in the immediate area. He said there are about 125 members in the band.

Mayor Isen asked how far the schools have gone in providing instruction, and Mr. Van Dyke said they are progressing wonderfully well.

Mr. Van Dyke added the Band is really outside the province of the schools.

Councilman Blount questioned this remark, as did Councilman Benstead.

Mr. Van Dyke said this is a recreational project.

Mayor Isen asked if the Queen Contest and the concert series this groups sponsors were not handled without this financial aid from the City. Mr. Van Dyke said no.

Mr. Van Dyke said the band has been limited in what it can do, and the participation in projects where it could serve, by the shortage of uniforms.

Councilman Blount asked if there had been band concerts in Torrance Park, and Mr. Van Dyke answered that they had been scheduled, but that the Sunday afternoon series was closed before they appeared.

Mayor Isen said the Council feels that this is fundamentally an educational project, and should be helped by the schools and parents of the children.

Mr. Van Dyke said the members of the band pay dues of \$1.00 a month, and most of the money goes to buy instruments, and to buy music.

Mayor Isen said he considers this a most worthwhile project, and suggested that Mr. Van Dyke try to find a backer, suggesting the Board

of Education or one of the local industries, as the Council feels this project should not be supported by the City.

Mr. Bowen spoke to the Council, emphasizing the need of the group for this subsidy, and mentioning again the publicity value of the band.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request and grant the sum of \$2500.00 to the Band.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 9:42 P. M., with the Council re-convening at 9:45 P. M.

Councilman Jahn was not in the Council Chamber when the Council re-convened.

2. A letter dated June 21, 1956, from A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of Torrance Municipal Water District #3, requesting authorization to install their own frequency and transmitter along with required mobile units, had attached a recommendation from George W. Stevens, City Manager, that this be approved.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. A memorandum dated June 20, 1956, from G. Whitacre, License Inspector, to City Clerk Bartlett, referred to the Council. This recommended business license fee refund in the amount of fifty dollars to L. W. Baier of 26314 So. Western Avenue, Lomita.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Whitacre.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. A memorandum dated June 20, 1956, from Stanley E. Remelmeyer, Acting City Attorney, to Mayor Isen, regarding the charges of attorney Sorenson in the defense of Councilman Jahn against action brought by Mr. Garrabrandt. Mr. Remelmeyer had been instructed by the Mayor to attempt to negotiate the charges made by Mr. Sorenson in this case. Mr. Remelmeyer advised that the check was mailed to Mr. Sorenson on June 12, 1956, and asked whether the Council still wished him to try to reduce the charges.

Councilman Jahn returned to the Council Chamber at 9:05 P. M.

Mayor Isen said he had checked with various sources, and still believes Mr. Sorenson's charges of \$410.50 are too high for the work he did. Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Remelmeyer to contact Mr. Sorenson and ask him to reconsider the bill.

Mayor Isen commented that several groups were waiting to speak to the Council, and suggested they be heard now rather than wait for Oral Communication.

Mr. Eugene Pinsky of 5331 Via del Valle came forward as spokesman for a group of 13 homeowners in the Palos Verdes - Riviera development. He stated that they need the access road, and the developer had promised street lights, which are badly needed.

Mr. Morning, representing the builder, was present, and reminded the Council that the access road had been built and washed away by the disastrous floods of the past winter. Mr. Morning said the road would be re-built as soon as the Torrance Municipal Water District is through doing some work in the area.

Mr. McVicar, Superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water District, was present, and told the Council his department holds hopes of being through with the project in question in a matter of days.

Councilman Blount asked how long the Water Department had been authorized to do the work in question, and Mr. McVicar said for quite a long time, but could not remember the exact date.

Mr. Morning reassured the Council and Mr. Pinsky that the road would be built just as soon as his company can get it done.

Mayor Isen reminded everyone concerned about the strike that had tied up the original construction of this road.

Mr. Gordon Lewis, of 333 Avenita Atezada, spoke on behalf of the homeowners represented by Mr. Pinsky.

Mr. Pinsky asked when the street lights would be installed.

Mr. Morning replied that the Edison Company has been paid for the lights, and his company has made every effort to get them installed. He said they would continue to do so, but cannot say when the Edison Company will do the work.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens to write a letter to the Edison Company and see if the installation of the lights can be expedited in any way.

Mr. Pinsky asked the group with him to stand so that the Council could see how many were interested, and about a dozen men stood. Mr. Pinsky said he would tell the Council the truth, that those men all lived out there.

Mr. Gordon Lewis of 333 Avenita Atezada spoke to the Council in opposition to the grant requested by the Chamber of Commerce from the City. Mr. Lewis spoke as a representative of organized labor.

5. A letter from Stanley E. Remelmeyer, Acting City Attorney, dated June 26, 1956, transmitting draft of an Ordinance requested and approved by the Planning Commission, re the new C-3 Zone.

Councilman Drale moved this be held over a week for study.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

6. A copy of a statement in the amount of \$750.00 from Edwin L. Searle, Attorney at Law, for services rendered in connection with application of Dominguez Water Corporation, No. 37685, pending before the Public Utilities Commission, approved by both Mr. Remelmeyer, Acting City Attorney, and Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager.

Mayor Isen said this bill is too high.

City Manager Stevens said the case has required a great deal of preparation and has already required three days in court and will, in all probability, require more.

Mr. Remelmeyer explained that Mr. Searle is a specialist in his particular field, that of water rights.

Councilman Blount said if the fees in such cases were to be disputed, he felt they should be settled upon before employing people of this high calibre.

Mayor Isen instructed Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer to write a letter to Mr. Searle and explain to him that the Council feels his charges are exorbitant.

Councilman Jahn said a policy of checking fees before employing people in such matters should be adopted.

Councilman Drale said he did not feel the fees too high if the man wins the case for the City, saying many thousands of dollars for the City are at stake.

Councilman Drale said he also felt the City should enlist the aid of anyone who might help in this matter.

7. An opinion dated June 22, 1956, from Stanley E. Remelmeyer, Acting City Attorney, telling the Council he believes "family sick leave" can be incorporated in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, with such amendment to be approved by the City Council. Mr. Remelmeyer said he had so notified the Civil Service Commission.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.



Recommendations from the City Manager:

"The following recommendations are submitted for your consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of a Friden calculator,  
Model STW-10, for the Engineering Dept. \$775.00  
(A budget item).

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Recommendation No. 1 under Appropriations as made by the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. For the complete overhaul of the track  
assemblies of the Street Dept. TD-14A  
International Tractor, the sum of \$3500.00

Councilman Benstead asked who was going to do the work, and the City Manager replied that it would be done by the people who handle the International Tractor. He went on to say that two bids had been procured, and this was the better bid of the two. Mr. Stevens explained the overhaul is quite an extensive one.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Recommendation No. 2 under Appropriations as made by the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Draile, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

"That the following funds be transferred from the General Fund to the Funds indicated. These amounts were borrowed from the respective Funds during the Fiscal Year to carry the General Fund without borrowing money from the banks. It will be necessary to again borrow from these funds in order to carry on the operation of our government during the lean period.

Parks & Recreation Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Airport Improvement Fund	15,000.00
County Aid to Cities Fund	15,000.00
Library Fund	15,000.00
Torrance M. W. D. #3	250,000.00
	<u>\$ 345,000.00</u>

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated June 22, 1956, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommending that Bond No. 233581, on Tract No. 18243, in the amount of \$10,000.00 be released. Attached were: (a) letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Foreman, regarding the trees in parkways, and (b) location sketch.

Councilman Draile moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to release Subdivision Improvement Bond No. 233581.

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Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. CASE 390: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of application of A. M. Klum et al, for variance to construct retail stores at 239th Street and Crenshaw. Attached: (a) Excerpt from Council Minutes of June 19, 1956; (b) Letter from City Engineer Bishop with reference to widening of Crenshaw Boulevard at 239th Street. This Case was held over from June 19th meeting of the Council for a report from the City Engineer regarding the widening of Crenshaw.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the last time Crenshaw was widened, 20 feet of land was taken from the East side of the street.

Mr. George Powell, Planning Director, said this was true, and the matter had been discussed at the last Staff meeting, with the result that the Staff felt any land needed for future widening of Crenshaw should be secured from the West side of the street.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Klum if he did not have an up-to-date survey of his property as made by Barclay Engineering.

Mr. Klum said this survey had been turned over to Mr. Patrick of the Engineering Department.

Councilman Jahn said since the last land for widening Crenshaw came from the East side of the street, he feels that future land needs for this purpose should be satisfied by taking land from the west side of Crenshaw.

Councilman Drale said Crenshaw is one of our major streets, and he feels it should be of uniform width.

Mr. Klum stated he had been told that the County has only requested an 80-foot street for Crenshaw, and would probably hold to that width.

Mayor Isen said the City Engineer has asked to have this whole matter held over for a week, and he thinks this should be done.

Mr. Klum said he would be out of town next week, but would have a representative here.

Mayor Isen ordered this held over for a week.

Councilman Drale asked George Powell to have a copy of the Regional Planning Commission's Master Plan of Highways at that meeting.

Councilman Drale suggested the Council go in a body to look at the land covered by this Case, and Mayor Isen set Monday, July 2, 1956, at twelve o'clock noon as the time.

Mayor Isen asked to have the City Engineer at this meeting to go over the problem with the Council.

3. CASE 389: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of petition of Ed De Mirjium for Change of Zone on Lots 7, 8, and 13, Tract 9306, between Ashley Avenue and Roslin Avenue, south of Redondo Beach Boulevard in Land Use Zone R-1.

Councilman Jahn asked to have Exhibit "A" as mentioned in the Planning Commission Minutes. Mr. Powell explained that this exhibit was quite large, but would be in the Council Chamber at the Hearing.

Mayor Isen set the date for the third and final Hearing before the City Council as Tuesday, July 24, 1956, at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers.

4. CASE 391: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of application of Del Amo Estate Company for variance and conditional permit on that parcel of land bounded by Hawthorne Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard, Carson Street, and the AT&SF Railway and property owned by Chanslor-Western Oil Company in Zone A-1 and M-2 to permit development of a retail commercial center.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.



Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2952

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF VIA COLUSA TO PASEO DE ARENA IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2946.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2952.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2953

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE HERALD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1956-1957.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead asked how the cost of this advertising compares with that paid by our neighboring cities.

No one knew exactly, and Councilman Benstead moved to table this until the next meeting of the Council, with the City Attorney's office to make a study of such costs.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen said he believed the charges set forth here are very moderate.

Councilman Benstead moved to table this Resolution for a week.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2953.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2954

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF O'MELVENY AND MYERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF A VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2954.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2953.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2954.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2955

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE  
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
SAID CITY AND FRANCIS V. FALLON, DOING  
BUSINESS AS THE SOUTH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2955.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn said he voted "No" on this because it was presented to him so late he did not have an opportunity to read it.

Mayor Isen told the Council he had received a letter from Mr. Fallon giving some detail on the question of handling cats in a public Pound, and with special reference to "Peanuts", the cat discussed at the last meeting of the City Council.

Mayor Isen handed the letter to Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer with the suggestion that the Ordinance governing the Pound be amended to cover the handling of cats, and suggested that copies of this letter, for information only, be on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 812

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN  
TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO  
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954."

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 812 at its first and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said the following corrections should be made in Ordinance No. 813, to be read next. These are as follows:

(a) On Page 2 of the Ordinance, in Item (e), after "Section 5", the Ordinance should read: 'However, nothing herein contained shall require a tilt-up front or a change in construction.'

(b) On Page 3 of the Ordinance, in Item (f), the sixth line should read 'for vehicle entrance-exit', instead of 'for one vehicle entrance-exit'.

ORDINANCE NO. 813

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY  
ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT  
CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING  
COMMISSION CASE NO. 372.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 813.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 813 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Drale asked if this Ordinance had been changed from the original Ordinance governing Case No. 372.

Mayor Isen said it had, very slightly.

Councilman Drale said he would vote "No" on it because he had voted "Yes" on the other, and thought it should be left that way.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens said he has submitted the Budget estimate for the Fiscal Year 1956-57 to the Council, and asked that the Hearings be set for July 3, 1956, and July 10, 1956 on this.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this request of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens said he considered the following matters important:

- (a) That authorization be granted to have the Tylite Company paint the swimming pool with their special paint for swimming pools, which is guaranteed to last for five years, the job, complete with lanes and depth marks, to be done for \$3188.00.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the necessary authorization to the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- (b) That authorization be granted to have the local concern install the sound system at the new City Hall. Mr. Stevens said this would cost less than a thousand dollars.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the necessary authorization to the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- (c) That authorization be granted to purchase 73 lockers from the Republic Steel Corp'n., Berger Div'n., for the Police Department, at a cost of \$878.82.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the necessary authorization to the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked if a site for a fire station in the Victor Tract should not be chosen.

Fire Chief Benner said he has already made the survey.

Councilman Benstead said it has been reported to him that the County is charging 50¢ for parking on the Torrance Beach, and he moved that the County Supervisors be contacted by letter about this, and that the Council go on record as opposing this fee.

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Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.  
Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to write the letters to the County Supervisors.

Councilman Jahn said he had understood it to be the Council's policy that if a matter was not presented in the office of the City Clerk by noon on Friday for inclusion on the Agenda, it would not be on the Agenda of the Council meeting of the succeeding week. He said many items were coming in at the last minute, and he did not like this.

Mayor Isen assured Councilman Jahn that this is the Council's policy, and that it would be more rigidly enforced in the future.

Mayor Isen said when it is not possible to get work prepared for the Council by noon on Friday, it should be ordered for the second meeting of the Council, not the first. He added that material which does not require Council action was a different matter, and would be accepted late.

Mayor Isen had received a letter from the Lutheran Church in the Hollywood Riviera district of Torrance concerning parking. He handed the letter to City Manager Stevens with instructions to refer it to the proper persons for investigation and recommendation.

Councilman Drale moved that all bills properly audited be paid.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 P. M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED,



Mayor of the City of Torrance